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1. SCOPE AND INTRODUCTION

Scope of this document is to provide the maintenance plan of the ACOP system according to [RD3]. This document describes maintenance concept, maintenance requirements and basic assumptions relative to maintenance. Details about operations planned in this document can be found in the ACOP Operational Report.

The following types of maintenance have been identified and described:

- pre-launch maintenance
- pre- and post-installation maintenance
- preventive maintenance (nominal operations)
- post-failure maintenance (non-nominal operations)

All the ACOP maintenance operations are safe in accordance with NSTS 18798B Interpretation Letter MA2-00-038.


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1.1 DOCUMENTS

1.1.1 APPLICABLE DOCUMENT

| AD | Doc. Number | Issue / Date | Rev. | Title / Applicability |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------|---|
| 1 | SSP 52000-IDD-ERP | D / 6.08.03 | | EXpedite the PROcessing of Experiments to Space Station (EXPRESS) Rack Payloads Interface Definition Document |
| 2 | NSTS/ISS 13830 | C / 01.12.1996 | | Implementation Procedures for Payloads System Safety Requirements – For Payloads Using the STS & ISS. |
| 3 | JSC 26493 | 17.02.1995 | | Guidelines for the preparation of payload flight safety data packages and hazard reports. |
| 4 | SSP 50004 | April 1994 | | Ground Support Equipment Design requirements |
| 5 | SSP-52000-PDS | March 1999 | B | Payload Data Set Blank Book |
| 6 | SSP 57066 | October 28, 2003 | | Standard Payload Integration Agreement for EXPRESS/WORF Rack Payloads |
| 7 | GD-PL-CGS-001 | 3 / 17.03.99 | | Product Assurance & Rams Plan |
| 8 | SSP 52000 PAH ERP | November 1997 | | Payload Accommodation Handbook for EXPRESS Rack |
| 9 | SSP 50184 | D / February 1996 | | Physical Media, Physical Signaling & link-level Protocol Specification for ensuring Interoperability of High Rate Data Link Stations on the International Space Program |
| 10 | SSP 52050 | D / 08.06.01 | | S/W Interface Control Document for ISPR ***ONLY FOR HRDL, SECTION 3.4 *** |
| 11 | ECSS-E-40 | A / April 1999 | 13 | Software Engineering Standard |
| 12 | AMS02-CAT-ICD-R04 | 29.08.2003 | 04 | AMS02 Command and Telemetry Interface Control document. Section AMS-ACOP Interfaces |
| 13 | SSP 52000-PVP-ERP | Sept. 18, 2002 | D | Generic Payload Verification Plan EXpedite the PROcessing of Experiments to Space Station (EXPRESS) Rack Payloads |
| 14 | NSTS 1700.7B | Rev. B Change Packet 8 / 22.08.00 | | Safety Policy and Requirements for Payloads using the STS |
| 15 | NSTS 1700.7B Addendum | Rev. B Change Packet 1 / 01.09.00 | | Safety Policy and Requirements for Payloads using the International Space Station |
| 16 | SSP 52005 | Dec. 10, 1998 | | Payload Flight equipment requirements and guidelines for safety critical structures |
| 17 | NSTS 18798B | Change Packet 7 10.00 | | Interpretation of NSTS Payload Safety Requirements |
| 18 | MSFC-HDBK-527 | 15.11.86 | E | Materials selection list for space hardware systems Materials selection list data |
| 19 | GD-PL-CGS-002 | 1 / 12.02.99 | | CADM Plan |
| 20 | GD-PL-CGS-004 | 2 / 07.04.03 | | SW Product Assurance Plan |
| 21 | GD-PL-CGS-005 | 2 / 09.05.03 | | SW CADM Plan |


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1.1.2 REFERENCE DOCUMENT

| RD | Doc. Number | Issue / Date | Rev. | Title |
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| 1 | GPQ-MAN-02 | 1 | | Commercial, Aviation and Military (CAM) Equipment Evaluation Guidelines for ISS Payloads Use |
| 2 | BSSC (96)2 | 1 / May 96 | | Guide to applying the ESA software engineering standards to small software projects |
| 3 | GPQ-MAN-01 | 2 / December 98 | | Documentation Standard for ESA Microgravity Projects |
| 4 | MS-ESA-RQ-108 | 1 / 28 Sept. 2000 | | Documentation Requirements For Small And Medium Sized MSM Projects |
| 5 | PSS-05 | | | Software Engineering Standards |
| 6 | GPQ-010 | 1 / May 95 | A | Product Assurance Requirements for ESA Microgravity Payload. Including CN 01. |
| 7 | GPQ-010-PSA-101 | 1 | | Safety and Material Requirements for ESA Microgravity Payloads |
| 8 | GPQ-010-PSA-102 | 1 | | Reliability and Maintainability for ESA Microgravity Facilities (ISSA). Including CN 01 |
| 9 | SSP 52000-IDD-ERP | E / 09/09/03 | | EXpedite the PProcessing of Experiments to Space Station (EXPRESS) Rack Payloads Interface Definition Document |
| 10 | ACD-Requirements-Rev-BL | September 2005 | Base Line | ACOP Common Design Requirements Document |
| 11 | ECSS-Q-60-11A | 1 / 7 Sept. 2004 | | De-rating and End-of-life Parameter Drifts – EEE Components |
| 12 | ACP-PL-CGS-002 | 1 / 28 July 2004 | | ACOP PA Plan |
| 13 | ACP-RP-CGS-002 | 2 / October 2005 | | ACOP Operational Analysis Report |
| 14 | ACP-RP-CGS-003 | 2 / October 2005 | | ACOP Design Report |
| 15 | ACP-RP-CGS-004 | 2 / October 2005 | | ACOP Electrical Analysis and Design Report |
| 16 | ACP-RP-CGS-005 | 2 / October 2005 | | ACOP Structural Analysis and Design Report |
| 17 | ACP-RP-CGS-006 | 2 / October 2005 | | ACOP Thermal Analysis and Design Report |
| 18 | ACP-RP-CGS-007 | 1 / October 2005 | | ACOP Fracture Control Report |
| 19 | ACP-TN-CGS-001 | 2 / October 2005 | | ACOP FMECA and SPF List |

Table 1-2 Reference Documents

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1.2 DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

A

| | |
|---------|---|
| AAA | Avionics Air Assembly |
| ABCL | As-Built Configuration data List |
| ACOP | AMS-02 Crew Operation Post |
| ACOP-SW | ACOP Flight Software |
| ADP | Acceptance Data Package |
| AMS-02 | Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer 02 |
| APS | Automatic Payload Switch |
| AR | Acceptance Review |
| ASI | Agenzia Spaziale Italiana (<i>Italian Space Agency</i>) |
| ATP | Authorization To Proceed |

B

| | |
|------|--------------------------------|
| BC | Bus Coupler |
| BDC | Baseline Data Collection |
| BDCM | Baseline Data Collection Model |

C

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| CAD | Computer Aided Design |
| CCB | Configuration Control Board |
| CCSDS | Consultative Committee on Space Data Standards (standard format for data transmission) |
| C&DH | Command & Data Handling |
| CDR | Critical Design Review |
| CGS | Carlo Gavazzi Space |
| CI | Configuration Item |
| CIDL | Configuration Item data List |
| CM | Configuration Management |
| COTS | Commercial Off The Shelf |
| cPCI | CompactPCI (Euro Card sized standard interface to the PCI) |
| CSCI | Computer Software Configuration Item |
| CSIST | Chung Shan Institute of Science and Technology |

D


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|------|-----------------------------------|
| DCL | Declared Components List |
| DIL | Deliverable Items List |
| DIO | Digital Input / Output |
| DML | Declared Materials List |
| DMPL | Declared Mechanical Parts List |
| DPL | Declared Processes List |
| DRB | Delivery Review Board |
| DRD | Document Requirements Description |

E

| | |
|---------|---|
| EEE | Electrical, Electronic & Electromechanical |
| EGSE | Electrical Ground Support Equipment |
| EM | Engineering Model |
| ER | EXPRESS Rack |
| ERL | EXPRESS Rack Laptop |
| ERLC | EXPRESS Rack Laptop Computer |
| ERLS | EXPRESS Rack Laptop Software |
| EMC | Electro-Magnetic Compatibility |
| ESA | European Space Agency |
| EXPRESS | EXPedite the PROcessing of Experiments to Space Station |

F

| | |
|-------|---|
| FEM | Finite Element Model |
| FFMAR | Final Flight Model Acceptance Review |
| FLASH | Rewriteable persistent computer memory |
| FM | Flight Model |
| FMECA | Failure Modes, Effects & Criticalities Analysis |
| FPGA | Field Programmable Gate Array |

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FSM Flight Spare Model

G

GIDEP Government Industry Data Exchange Program
GSE Ground Support Equipment

H

HCOR HRDL Communications Outage Recorder
HD Hard Drive
HDD Hard Disk Drive
HRDL High Rate Data Link
HRFM High Rate Frame Multiplexer
HW Hardware

I

ICD Interface Control Document
I/F Interface
IRD Interface Requirements Document
ISPR International Space-station Payload Rack
ISS International Space Station

J

JSC Johnson Space Center

K

KIP Key Inspection Point
KSC Kennedy Space Center
KU-Band High rate space to ground radio link

L

LAN Local Area Network
LCD Liquid Crystal Display
LFM Low Fidelity Model
LRDL Low Rate Data Link

M

MDL Mid-Deck Locker
MGSE Mechanical Ground Support Equipment
MIP Mandatory Inspection Point
MMI Man Machine Interface
MPLM Multi-Purpose Logistic Module
MRDL Medium Rate Data Link

N


NA Not Applicable
NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NCR Non Conformance Report
NDI Non Destructive Inspection
NRB Non-conformance Review Board
NSTS National Space Transportation System (Shuttle)

O

OLED Organic Light-Emitting Diode
ORU Orbital Replacement Unit

P

PA Product Assurance
PCB Printed Circuit Board
PCI Peripheral Component Interconnect (personal computer bus)
PCS Personal Computer System
PDR Preliminary Design Review
PEHB Payload Ethernet Hub Bridge
PEHG Payload Ethernet Hub Gateway

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PFMAR Preliminary Flight Model Acceptance Review
 PLMDM Payload Multiplexer De-Multiplexer
 PMC PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) Mezzanine Card
 PMP Parts, Materials & Processes
 PROM Programmable Read Only Memory
 PS Power Supply

Q

QM Qualification Model

R

RFA Request For Approval
 RFD Request For Deviation
 RFW Request For Waiver
 RIC Rack Interface Controller
 ROD Review Of Design
 ROM Read Only Memory
 RX Reception

S

SATA Serial Advanced Transfer Architecture (disk interface)
 S-Band Space to ground radio link
 SBC Single Board Computer
 SC MDM Station Control Multiplexer De-Multiplexer
 ScS Suitcase Simulator
 SDD Solid-state Disk Drive
 SIM Similarity Assessment
 SIO Serial Input Output
 SOW Statement Of Work
 SPF Single Point Failure
 SRD Software Requirements Document
 STS Space Transportation System (Shuttle)
 SW Software

T


TBC To Be Confirmed
 TBD To Be Defined
 TBDCM Training & Baseline Data Collection Model
 TBDCMAR TBDCM Acceptance Review
 TBP To Be Provided
 TCP/IP Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol
 TFT Thin Film Transistor
 TM Telemetry
 TRB Test Review Board
 TRR Test Readiness Review
 TRM Training Model
 TX Transmission

U

UIP Utility Interface Panel
 UMA Universal Mating Assembly
 USB Universal Serial Bus

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100bt Ethernet 100Mbit Specification
 1553 Reliable serial communications bus

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2. DESCRIPTION OF ACOP.

The ACOP System is a reliable special purpose computer intended to fly on the International Space Station (ISS) as a payload installed into an EXPRESS ISPR in the NASA US laboratory module. The main objective of ACOP is to provide an ISS Internal Facility capable of supporting the AMS-02 experiment by recording the Science data.

In particular, ACOP shall allow a more flexible and efficient use of ISS telemetry downlink, providing a backup of data generated by AMS-02 and preventing, in this way, possible losses of valuable data. In addition, ACOP provides a control and monitoring interface for the on-board crew to the external AMS payload. It also permits large software uploads into AMS.

ACOP is not designed to provide safety critical commands to AMS-02.

The ACOP system shall be installed in the U.S. Laboratory Module, on the ISS, in one EXPRESS rack (see, for reference, Figure 2-1).

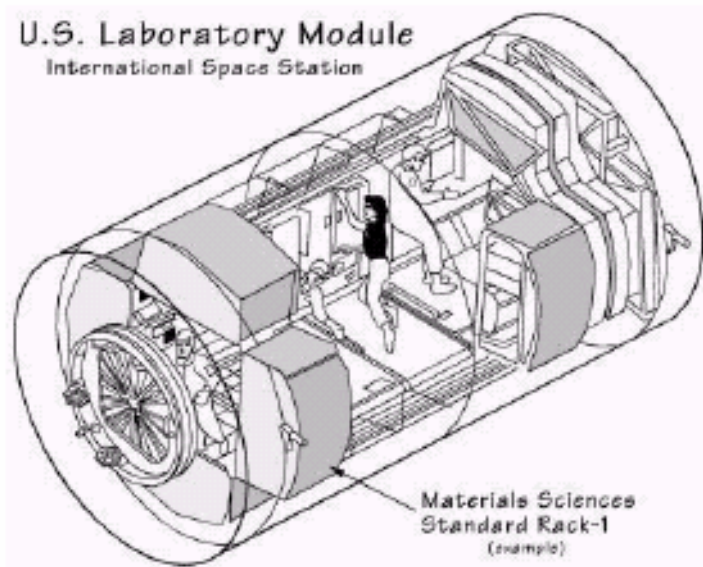


Figure 2-1 US Lab

The standard configuration of an EXPRESS Rack is commonly known as 8/2. This means the rack can accommodate eight ISS Locker / Middeck Locker (MDL) units and two International Subrack Interface Standard (ISIS) units, as shown in Figure 2-2 and Figure 2-3. Figure 2-4 shows ACOP installed in such a rack (the location within the rack is just an example, the actual location will be determined by the ISS program).

On-board spare parts, including hard drives shall be accommodated in a standard soft bag (CTB).



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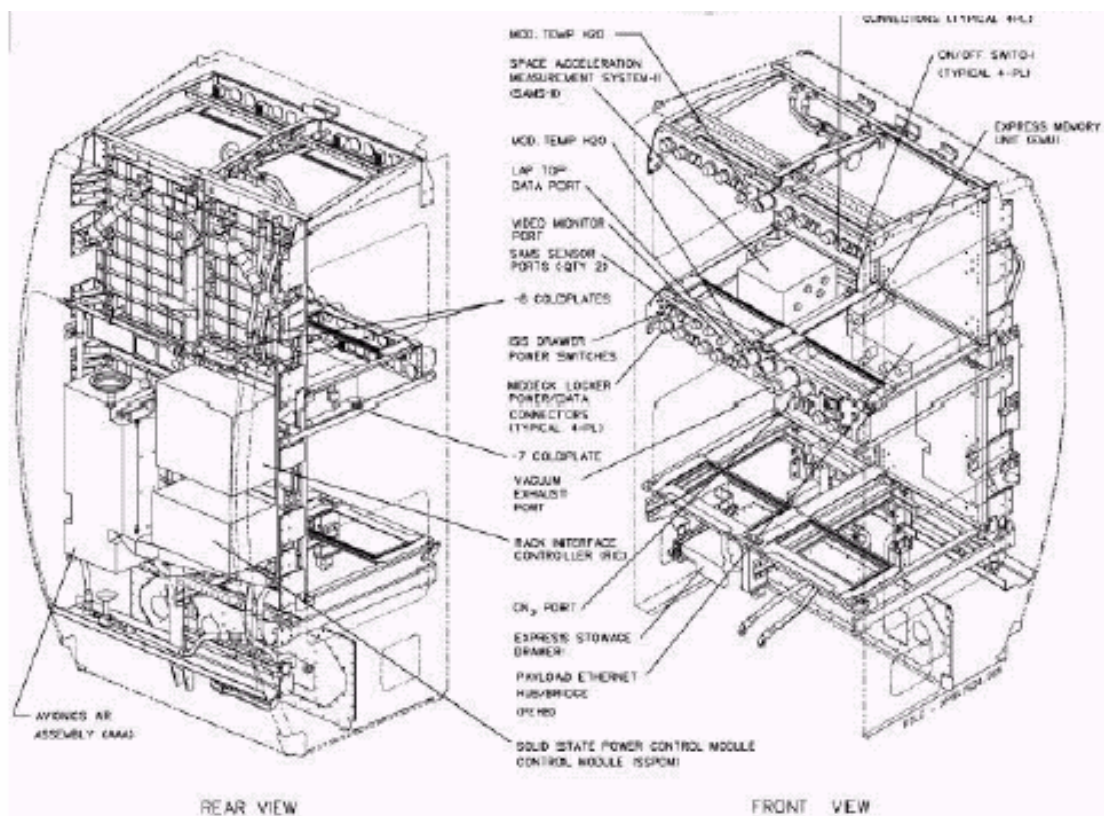


Figure 2-2 Example of an EXPRESS Rack (3D view)

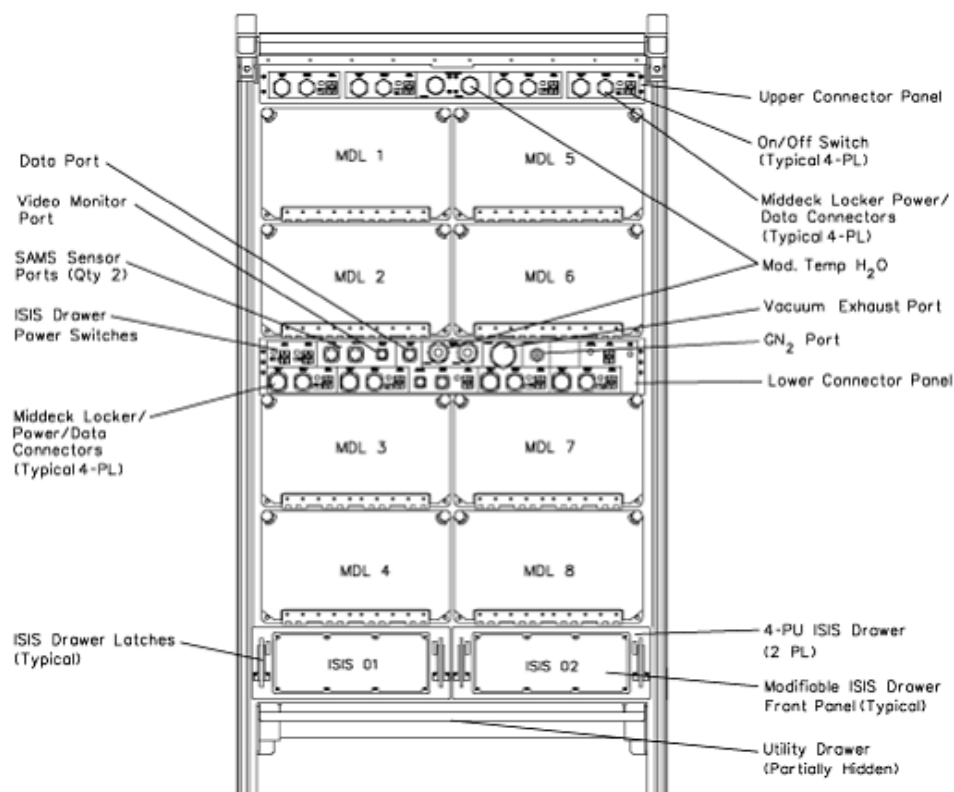



Figure 2-3 Example of an EXPRESS Rack (front view)

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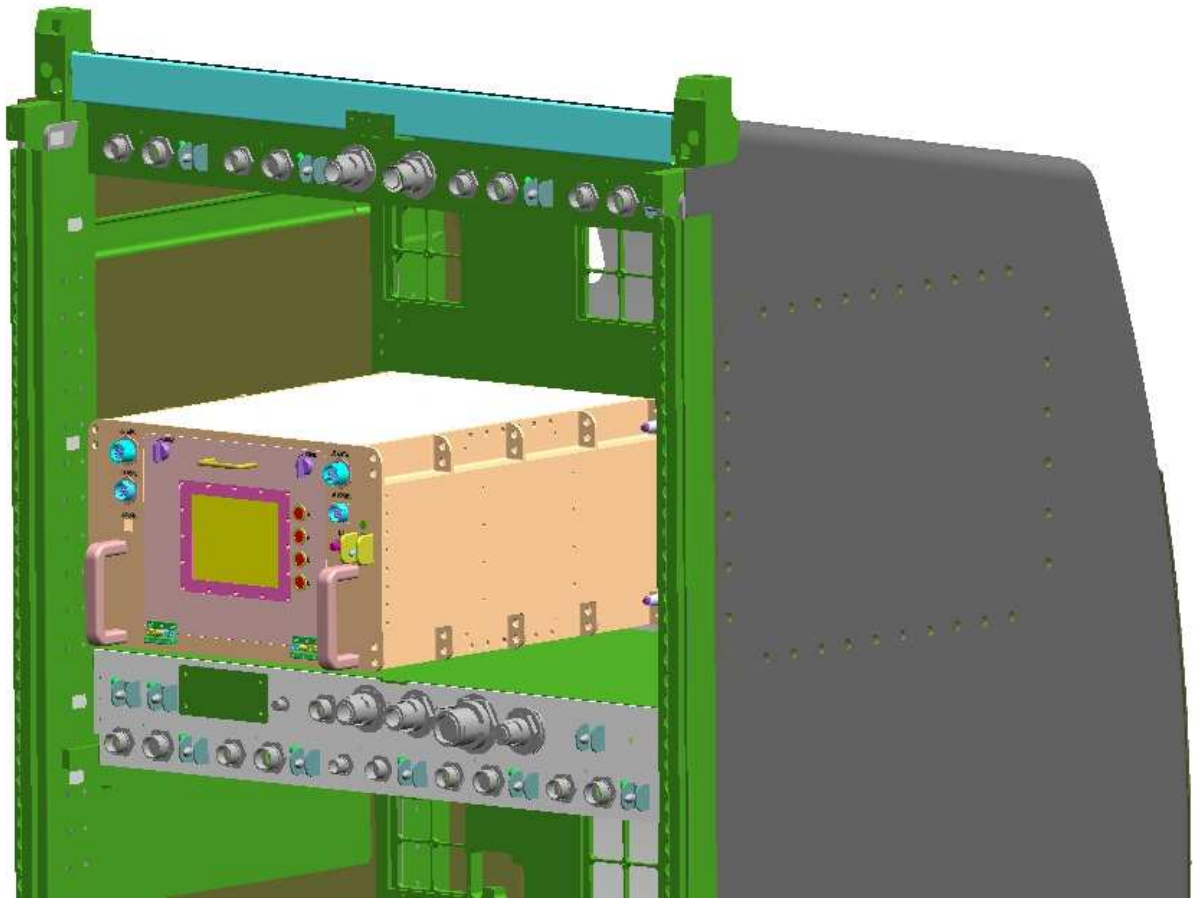


Figure 2-4 ACOP installed in an EXPRESS Rack (example of possible location)


ACOP provides these services:

1. On-orbit recording mechanism for large volumes of data at high rates
2. Play back for downlink of the recorded data at high rates
3. A crew interface for complex experiments
4. General computing facilities
5. Alternate bi-directional commanding path via the HRDL interface

ACOP will initially support a state-of-the-art particle physics detector, the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS-02) experiment. AMS-02 uses the unique environment of space to study the properties and origin of cosmic particles and nuclei including antimatter and dark matter, to study the actual origin of the universe and potentially to discover antimatter stars and galaxies.

After the AMS-02 experiment, ACOP will remain in the US Lab as a general use computer for recording and managing large data volumes on the ISS. It will also allow a flexible and extensible control and monitoring interface for future payloads and, by using the large buffering capacity (> 1 TB), it will improve the data communication between Earth and the Space Station.

In addition to the ACOP system itself, shown in Figure 2-5 and Figure 2-6, a stowage bag will be sent to ISS with additional hard drives that can be exchanged with the hard drives in ACOP. From time to time the astronauts will perform this exchange enabling ACOP to record all of the AMS-02 data onto fresh hard drives. Once recorded, data will not be overwritten; rather the hard drives will be transported to ground as a permanent archive. The stowage bag will also contain spare parts for ACOP.

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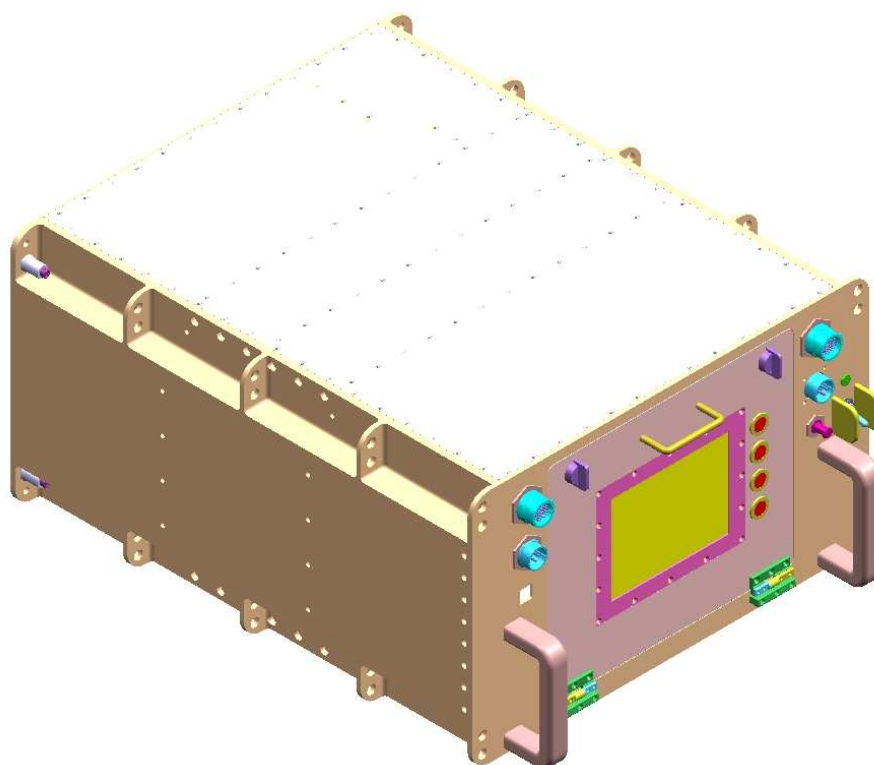


Figure 2-5 ACOP General Front View

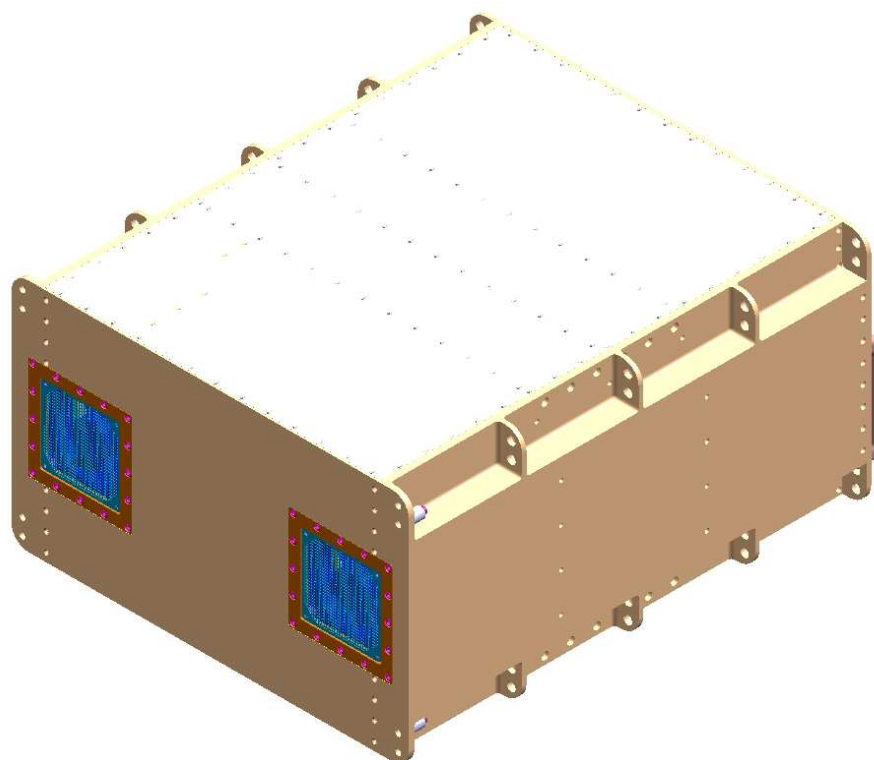



Figure 2-6 ACOP General Rear View

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2.1 FUNCTION AND PURPOSE OF ACOP

ACOP has been designed to fulfill the requirements generated by the AMS-02 Collaboration. See the ACOP Common Design Requirements Document (document number: ACD-Requirements-Rev-BL, revision: baseline, date: September 2005) and the ACOP System Specification (document number: ACP-SY-CGS-001, issue: 3, date: March 2005) for a detailed description of the requirements.

The main characteristics of ACOP are summarized here below:

Capacities

1. Operates effectively in the ISS space environment.
2. Creates, on-orbit, an archive of all AMS-02 science data on removable and transportable media, using high capacity (200 GB or more) SATA hard drives.
3. Provides (based on an average data rate of 2Mbit/s) at least 20 days of recording capacity without crew intervention¹.
4. Provides (based on an average data rate of 2Mbit/s) at least 120 days of on board recording media capacity within an additional single mid-deck locker equivalent soft sided storage unit².
5. Recorded data is an irreplaceable archive of science data. Once recorded, data will not be overwritten; rather the hard drives will be transported to ground as a permanent archive.

Rates

6. For recording ACOP supports an orbital average data rate of at least 4Mbit/s with bursts of up to 20Mbit/s³.
7. Supports the playback of recorded data to ground systems at selectable data rates up to at least 20Mbit/s sustained while simultaneously recording at prescribed rates (per 6.).
8. Supports an alternate AMS-02 ground commanding and housekeeping report path via the HRDL interface.
9. Supports ACOP to AMS-02 commanding at selectable data rates up to at least 20Mbit/s sustained. No requirement for simultaneous recording or playback operations at higher rates.

Interfaces

10. Provides a continuous operations display of ad hoc AMS-02 data and ACOP status for the ISS crew to monitor, via a LCD on the front panel.
11. Provides a continuous means for the ISS crew to issue ad hoc commands immediately to ACOP and to AMS-02 (without the need to un-stow or attach external equipment), by using accessible push-buttons on the front panel.
12. Provides an exhaustive diagnostic, monitoring and operations environment via the EXPRESS laptop computer.


Form

13. Housed within an EXPRESS rack locker and based on a CompactPCI 6U form factor.
14. Crew serviceable for hardware upgrades and repairs.
15. Crew serviceable for software upgrades and repairs.
16. Upgradeable and expandable using COTS subsystems.
17. Provides support of ISS system upgrades (e.g. 100bt MRDL follow on systems).

¹ Durations indicated are completely dependent on application implementation.

² See note 1.

³ The AMS-02 experiment has been designed to meet its physics goals when producing data at an average rate of 2MBit/s. Data is produced continuously. However, the physics that will be measured is unknown, and so are the peak and average data rates – 2Mbit/s average is the best estimate. Within AMS-02 a four-fold redundant 1GByte buffer (JBU) is located to smooth the data flow and to allow for short term (less than an hour) interruptions in the data output from AMS, for example when the hard disk drives are being swapped within ACOP. After any such interruption, the data rate capability in ACOP must be able to make up for the lost time while not falling behind on the fresh data. Therefore ACOP is able to process data at a rate of at least twice the average data rate from AMS, namely 4Mbit/s.

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18. ACOP is to weigh less than 35.5 kg without disks (launch weight)⁴.
19. ACOP to consume less than 200 W (at 28Vdc)⁵
20. Launch compatible with MLPM mounting and dynamics.


2.2 UTILIZATION CONCEPT

The following are the key points of the ACOP operational concept as it pertains to the AMS-02 mission:

- ACOP is principally a ground operated payload
- ACOP provides the mechanism for the crew to monitor and control AMS-02. Both front panel and EXPRESS Rack laptop based interfaces are supported.
- ACOP is powered and active whenever AMS-02 is active. Only short (< 8 hours) outages.
- ACOP has continuous direct access to two physical HRDL connections (1 Tx/Rx pair plus an additional Tx, via UIP J7 connectors in other racks). By means of these interfaces:
 - a. maintains a continuous Tx/Rx connection via APS to AMS
 - b. provides intermittent, schedulable Tx connection for downlink.
The additional Tx connection may be replaced by connection to the upgraded 100BaseT MRDL, when available.
- The AMS-02 Tx connection may be tee'd within the APS to the HRFM/KU for direct downlink.
- As KU access is available, ACOP will be commanded to use its additional TX connection to down link data. ACOP will have the ability to burst this transmission (~20Mbits/sec).
- All data transmitted by AMS-02 is recorded onto ACOP hard drives as a master copy of the AMS-02 science data.
- When ACOP has acknowledged that the data is recorded, AMS-02 can release that data from its buffers.
- The four installed hard drives will require periodic exchange by the ISS crew from the onboard stock of empty drives (30 minute operation about every 20 days)
- A batch of 20 hard drives provides at least 120 days of recording capacity.
- New batches of hard drives will be delivered to ISS and the original master copies of the AMS-02 data will be returned to earth.

⁴ See ACOP Design Report for the actual mass budget

⁵ See ACOP Design Report for the actual power budget

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3. ACOP MAINTENANCE

ACOP has been designed to maximize the possibility of maintenance both before launch and on-orbit. All the ACOP maintenance operations are safe in accordance with NSTS 18798B Interpretation Letter MA2-00-038.

The following types of maintenance have been identified and are described in the following paragraphs:

- pre-launch maintenance
- pre- and post-installation maintenance
- preventive maintenance (nominal operations)
- post-failure maintenance (non-nominal operations)

Only maintenance requirements and basic assumptions relative to maintenance are described. Details about operations planned in this document can be found in the ACOP Operational Report.

In some cases preventive and post-failure maintenance requires the replacements of items installed inside ACOP. In the design of such items particular attention has been used in order to minimize the complexity of the necessary activities and reduce the effort requested to the ISS crew for performing the requested operations. The spare parts will be stowed in a soft stowage bag. The following items have been designed as replaceable units:

- Hard disk drives
- CompactPCI boards
- Power supply board
- Fan assemblies
- Dust screens

3.1 PRE-LAUNCH MAINTENANCE

This paragraph refers to the ground only operations that will occur after payload processing at KSC just before launch. Other ground maintenance operations correspond to the ones foreseen on-orbit for preventive and post-failure maintenance and will be performed on-ground when requested during ACOP test and processing phases.

Other than the standard pre-launch operations for EXPRESS Rack payloads, at the moment the only operation foreseen on ACOP before launch is the replacement of the captive fasteners use to fasten ACOP to the rack. The reason is that, due to the fasteners secondary locking mechanism, the part is only certified for five insertions. Since the number of insertions for on-ground test can be expected as higher than five, the baseline is to replace the fasteners before the launch so that ACOP will be launched with fresh captive fasteners.

3.2 PRE- AND POST-INSTALLATION MAINTENANCE

Once on-orbit aboard the ISS, standard procedure will be followed for ACOP insertion into the assigned location in the EXPRESS Rack. The ACOP will be installed into a US-LAB ISPR by the crew using the standard locker insertion tool to secure the four captive mounting fasteners in the rear of ACOP to the EXPRESS rack back plate.


In addition to the standard operations to insert ACOP in the rack and fasten the locker to the rack back plate, the following activities shall be performed according to ACOP specific design:

1) Pre-installation

- Visual check (no visible damages)
- Inspection on cooling air inlet and outlet dust screens cleanliness and integrity (screens are located in the ACOP back plate and must be checked before ACOP is inserted in the rack)

2) Post-installation

- Removal of any installed launch lock

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- Hard disk drives insertion: 4 hard drives will be taken from the stock available on the ISS (launched with ACOP in a soft stowage bag) and inserted in the available slots
- External cables installation

3.3 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

This section includes the following activities to be implemented on ACOP during its operative life aboard the ISS:

- First commissioning check after installation
- Nominal operations

3.3.1 FIRST COMMISSIONING CHECK AFTER INSTALLATION

After first ACOP turning-on, all the functions will be checked by means of dedicated SW routines to verify no malfunctions occur. Since ACOP is basically a ground-operated payload, no effort is required to the astronauts in this phase, except for some visual checks (to the status information available on ACOP Front Panel) to be performed after ground control request (TBC).

3.3.2 NOMINAL OPERATIONS

During ACOP operative life aboard the ISS, the following nominal operations will be performed:

1) Hard disk drives exchange

The hard drives installed in ACOP require periodic replacement by the ISS crew from the onboard stock of empty drives to enable ACOP to record all of AMS-02's data onto fresh hard drives. Once recorded, data will not be overwritten; rather they will be transported to ground as a permanent archive.

2) Inspection and cleaning of the inlet and outlet dust screens


As determined necessary ACOP shall be removed from the ISPR and the dust screens inspected and, if required, cleaned. The base line plan is:

- After 60 days of service ACOP will be removed from the EXPRESS rack for inspection and cleaning of the inlet and outlet dust screens located on the back plate.
The crew shall provide the ACOP team with an assessment of cleanliness of the dust screens and then remove as much residue as possible using sticky tape and/or a vacuum cleaner.
- Subsequently repeat this inspection and cleaning twice annually, subject to the observed cleanliness of the AAA system.
- Operationally the ACOP POCC will be monitoring the ACOP thermal profile. Any dust screen blockage will result in a temperature rise. In the event of an unexplained thermal rise the ACOP POCC will request a prompt diagnostic inspection by the crew of both the dust screens and fans. After the diagnostics the dust screens will be cleaned.

Note: there is no specification available to date defining the cleanliness of the AAA airflow nor is there any operational experience with rear breathing EXPRESS rack experiments.

3) Software upgrade

The software upgrade will be performed by using a USB storage device inserted by the crew in the USB connector on ACOP Locker Front Panel. This infrequent activity is considered nominal. The crew will power off ACOP, insert the USB key and power on ACOP. Activity will be monitored by the crew on the LCD display and the crew will be requested to verify that the upgrade occurred. Following a successful upgrade ACOP will be powered off, the USB key removed, and power restored

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3.4 POST-FAILURE MAINTENANCE

3.4.1 FAILURE AND FAULT DIAGNOSIS

ACOP provides support for identification of failures; in particular ACOP provides a set of measurements (analogue/digital) to allow the user to compare the expected values against the measured ones. Failure detection is mainly by means of software: since ACOP is a ground operated experiment, failure and fault diagnosis will be managed by the control center on-ground. The crew will be notified by voice loop from the ground if their attentions will be necessary.

There are hardware protections present inside ACOP (over-current, over-voltage, over-temperature). Some of these protections have indicators on the front of the printed circuit boards inside the ACOP door. In the unlikely event of a fault or failure the crew will be asked to support diagnosis of the problem.

Details about failures identification are reported in the ACOP Failure Modes, Effects and Criticality Analysis (FMECA).

3.4.2 FAILURE AND FAULT RECOVERY

The fault recovery is a power off/on cycle, thus resetting ACOP in its default condition.

If a complete failure occurs and it can not be recovered by means of a power off/on cycle, the recovery is a replacement of the failed part at board level from the set of spare parts kitted within the soft stowage bag. In particular, the following parts can be replaced in case of failure:

1) Hard disk drives

2) CompactPCI boards and power board

This activity shall be performed in case either a failure on a board occurs or an upgrade of the hardware is required. The activity will be performed with the ACOP powered down and according to a specific plan that clearly will define the procedure steps.

3) Fans and screens

In the unlikely event a fan fails in ACOP it will be possible to replace the fan on orbit. The operation involves the removal of the ACOP Locker from the EXPRESS rack, unfastening the fan assembly, disconnecting the fan power, then reversing these steps to install a replacement fan assembly available in the stowed spares kit.